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ONLY SIXTY-FOUR SAVED FROM CREW OF BATTLESHIP BOUVET

**OFFICIAL FRENCH STATEMENT SAYS LOSS OF
LIFE ON THE FRENCH BATTLESHIP WAS
HEAVY—SMALL LOSSES ON OTHER SHIPS.**

Six Allied Battleships Entered Dardanelles Friday, But on Account of the Condition of the Weather, Failed to Accomplish Anything—Constantinople Says Warships Sunk Thursday, Were Torpedoed and not Struck by Floating Mine, as Allies Claim—No Land Fighting of Importance—Berlin says German Losses at Neuve Chapelle, were Six Thousand, Not Eighteen Thousand, as the Allies Claimed—Passengers on Lapland, Arriving in New York, Tell of Escape from Submarine.

Paris, March 20.—An official statement says, sixty-four were saved from the French Battleship Bouvet sunk in the Dardanelles Thursday. The ship's crew numbered six hundred and twenty. The losses on the other ships were very light.

An Athens dispatch says the allies' fleet did not attempt to develop its fullest extent during the general attack on the Dardanelles Thursday. The British ship Inflexible and the French ship Gaulois were damaged and left the strait. Forty were killed aboard the Inflexible.

An official statement says, everything is quiet along the French front.

Says they Were Torpedoed Constantinople, March 20.—The Turkish government says, the French battleship Bouvet, and the British warships Ocean and Irresistible, which were sunk in the Dardanelles Thursday, were torpedoed and not destroyed by a floating mine as the allies claim.

Six Attacked Forts Friday London, March 20.—Six battleships reentered the Dardanelles Friday, according to a Reuter dispatch. Owing to the unfavorable weather, they failed to accomplish anything.

Escaped from Submarine. New York, March 20.—Passengers reaching here today aboard the British steamer Lapland, described the attempt of a submarine to torpedo, which fled at top speed, zig-zagging, while the British torpedo boat conveying her tried to sink the submarine.

Losses Six Thousand Berlin, March 20.—An official announcement says: The German losses in the fighting in the vicinity of Neuve Chapelle were six thousand. The British claimed that the German losses were eighteen thousand.

The Germans have captured from the British a group of houses on the south slope of the Loretto Heights and occupied some French trenches near Beause. The southeastern front is comparatively quiet.

Belgians to Raise Pigs Brussels, March 20.—The Germans have imported one million pigs which the Belgians must feed and care for and make individual reports on. Even apartment house dwellers must raise pigs.

Holland Enters Protest. Washington, D. C., March 20.—Holland has protested against the British embargo.

Germans Dropping Bombs. London, March 20.—A German aeroplane today dropped several bombs over Deal, a seaport on the strait of Dover, all landing in the sea. A patrol boat's fire drove the aeroplane away.

Colonel House in Berlin Berlin, March 20.—Colonel E. M. House of Texas reached Berlin Friday and conferred with Ambassador Gerard. It is believed that House is working in the interest of possible peace.

Three Ships Blown Up. London, March 20.—The British battleships Irresistible and Ocean and French battleship Bouvet were blown up by floating mines while engaged with the remainder of the allied fleet in attacking the forts in the Narrows of the Dardanelles Thursday. The

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EXPRESS HEARING AGAIN.

Interstate Commerce Commission to Reopen Hearing on Rates.

Washington, March 20.—The interstate commerce commission today formally reopened the hearing as asked by the four express companies. The date for the hearing will be set later.

EAGLES PURCHASE LOT.

Local Aerie Purchases Site for Home on South Mill Street.

Frank Berryhill, as trustee for Ardmore Aerie, Fraternal Order of Eagles, Friday purchased from H. C. Potter lot 3, block 583, located on South Mill street.

The Eagles expect later on to build a home for themselves on this lot. The property acquired Friday is close in, and desirable.

Death of W. S. Johnson, Mrs. Belle Johnson, the 19-year-old wife of W. S. Johnson of Stillwater, died at 9 o'clock in the Plaza hotel Friday after a brief illness. Her husband who is a deputy sheriff of Polk county was hurriedly summoned but did not arrive until after her death. The remains will be taken to Lindsay today for burial.

ASK FOR BIDS ON POST OFFICE BUILDING

DEPARTMENT TODAY IS ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE FEDERAL BUILDING HERE.

The United States postoffice department has advertised in this issue of The Ardmoreite for sealed bids for the construction of the federal building in this city, said bids to be opened at the office of the supervising architect in Washington April 28, 1915.

The building is to be three stories, with basement, stone and brick-faced, and the call asks for bids for all approaches, fixtures and furnishings. The plans will be on file at the post office in this city and also at the office of the supervising architect in Washington.

This news will be hailed with delight by the people of this city. For a long time the appropriation has been made, but Uncle Sam moves slowly sometimes, and the people have been hoping for some time that construction would start on the building. This building will be an attractive addition to the city of Ardmore, and the citizens are hoping that it will be completed within the year.

HEAVY FROST IN THIS SECTION FRIDAY NIGHT

ENDANGERED THE FRUIT CROP, BUT GROWERS SAY THAT THE CROP WAS NOT KILLED. OUT LOOK HOPEFUL.

Although this section was visited with a heavy frost Friday night, the local fruit growers were sanguine yesterday morning, that the fruit crop had not been killed. In fact several who have been in the business a long time, maintain that the frost at this stage was a benefit to them.

The mercury reached a minimum of 24 degrees, and ice was in evidence, wherever water was allowed to stand out of doors.

The sudden change of the past two days has caused a lot of colds among the citizens who got careless, and the druggists are doing a brisk business in cough syrups. In all probability this will be the last cold period of the season, and if what the fruit growers say here is true, there ought to be a big crop.

WORSE THAN IN MEXICO

MEXICAN TENANT FARMERS IN TEXAS SAID TO BE IN WORSE CONDITION THAN IN MEXICO.

LAWS MAY REMEDY

Secretary of the Mexican Protective Society Appears Before the Federal Commission Conducting Land Hearings at Dallas.

Dallas, Tex., March 20.—The Mexican tenant farmers in Texas are worse off than those still in Mexico, and the commission would do better to see that no more come than to try and formulate laws to protect them after they come. Emilio Flores of San Antonio, secretary of the Mexican Protective society, told the federal commission at the land hearing today.

Flores said he thought, however, that the laws could be enacted to better conditions which he blamed mostly on the employment agencies.

Cullen F. Thomas of Dallas testified that if the prohibition issue is settled, the land question is the paramount issue in Texas politics.

LAST WEEK OF CONTEST IS NOW HERE

ONE WEEK FROM LAST NIGHT CONTEST WILL BE OVER—YOUNG LADIES WILL SOON BE ON WAY TO GOLDEN GATE.

"Now is the winter of our discontent made glorious summer by this sun of York, and all the clouds that lowered upon our heads, deep in the ocean's bosom buried." ***

A week from today and the sentiment as expressed in the quotation will be applicable to the contest and the contestants. The "winter of discontent. But all the clouds of the days of effort you have put forth with little encouragement, and much to discontent. But all the clouds of the hard fought contest will have soon lowered, to be buried into those elements which constitute the past. The "glorious summer" of realization of your fond dreams of the trip to the exposition, or the possession of the Ford, will compensate for the anxiety, the worry and the patient efforts which have made possible the success which is yours. During this week, which is the last week in the contest, do not be content with what you have already done. Work hard right up to the last hour, and make this the biggest week in all your work. Those who have applied themselves with the greatest diligence, enthusiasm, determination and intelligence are not going to be disappointed. The active workers in the contest are not many, and the number of premiums practically assure every real worker in the contest a reward for her labors.

The diamond ring as an award for special work during the last twenty days has stimulated active competition and Monday night at nine o'clock some young lady is going to be the proud possessor of this beautiful gem, and five days from then the great Automobile-Golden-Gate Contest will have closed in a manner we confidently believe most satisfactory to ourselves and the contestants.

Monday night, when you call to turn in your subscriptions, be sure to have your blanks filled out carefully. By doing this you will help the contest editor in determining the winners.

The Want Ads Pay.

CURTAILING EXPENDITURES

Led to Passage of Law That Defeated Indian Payment This Year.

Dr. T. P. Howell of Davis is disappointed in the failure of congress to make provision for the annual per capita payment to the Indians. Dr. Howell states that a few years ago the Oklahoma delegation concluded that the federal departments were wasteful in the expenditure of Indian funds, and a law was enacted and passed, prohibiting the departments from making expenditures of Indian money without an appropriation made by congress. While the law seemed necessary at that time yet it has proven to be the very thing the Indians did not want. If that law had never been enacted, the secretary of the interior could have carried out treaty provisions, and the Indian per capita payment would have been made, as usual.

Coming This Week.

Mrs. Chas. D. Carter, in a recent letter to her sister, Miss Jewell Whittington, states that Congressman Carter has been delayed in Washington on account of the illness of his daughter, Miss Italy. Unless he is detained longer than he expects, he will reach Ardmore the early part of this week. Mrs. Carter expects to come home during the month of April.

DONATION FOR FREE WARD IN HOSPITAL

BENEVOLENT SOCIETY RECEIVED THE FIRST ENCOURAGEMENT FROM OUT OF TOWN YESTERDAY.

The benevolent society which began agitation for a free ward in the proposed addition to the Hardy sanitarium, received the first donation yesterday in the form of a check from A. A. Taylor of Woodford, who subscribed himself as a regular monthly contributor to the fund.

The president of the society and the members, are very grateful to Mr. Taylor, who on more than one occasion has shown his generosity to the poor of the city of Ardmore, although he lives at Woodford. The society will inaugurate a systematic campaign as soon as the weather is pleasant, and feels sure it can secure enough subscriptions to maintain the ward indefinitely.

Mrs. Curtis stated yesterday that the merchants had always come to the aid of the society in its need, and felt sure that the business men and bankers of this city would gladly give a small amount monthly to maintain this worthy institution.

EXPLOSION OF DYNAMITE WRECKS HOME

FORTY-SIX THOUSAND POUNDS OF POWERFUL EXPLOSIVE DISCHARGED IN ONE SHOT.

Forty-six thousand pounds of dynamite divided into fifty shots and all exploded at the same time, was witnessed in the mountains near Crusher last Thursday. This was one of the largest shots ever exploded at the crusher located in the Arbuckle mountains and it is said that very few shots have ever equalled it anywhere. An immense amount of stone was torn away from the mountain side. One boulder rolled down to the building which the watchman occupies. It crashed through the wall like so much paper, passed on through a partition wall and its weight crashed through the floor. The house was practically demolished. No occupants were in the building and no one was injured.

RECORD FOR COTTON CROP

GOVERNMENT GINNING REPORT ISSUED SATURDAY, SHOWS A CROP OF 16,000,000 BALES.

FINAL REPORT IN MAY

Oklahoma's Ginnings One Million Two Hundred Sixty-One Thousand, a Quarter of a Million Excess Over Former Big Crop Years.

Washington, March 20.—The 1914 cotton crop of the United States aggregated 15,873,000 running bales of lint or 16,102,000 equivalent 500-pound bales, the census bureau announced today. The department of agriculture December 10 estimated 15,966,000 equivalent 500-pound bales. These figures compare with 13,982,811 running bales or 14,156,485 equivalent 500-pound bales in 1913; 13,488,539 running bales or 13,703,421 equivalent 500-pound bales in 1912, and 15,553,073 running bales or 15,692,701 equivalent 500-pound bales in 1911, the three largest crops prior to 1914. Included in the 1914 figures are 121,000 bales which ginneries estimated would be turned out after the March canvass.

Round bales included numbered 57,000, compared with 99,962 in 1913; 81,528 in 1912 and 101,554 in 1911. Sea Island bales included numbered 18,000, compared with 77,563 in 1913; 43,777 in 1912 and 119,293 in 1911.

The average gross weight of bales for the crop was 507.2 pounds, compared with 506.2 in 1913; 508.0 in 1912 and 504.5 in 1911.

Ginneries operated for the crop numbered 24,000, compared with 24,749 in 1913; 25,279 in 1912 and 26,349 in 1911.

Linter cotton, not included in total ginning figures, amounted to 712,909 running bales, or 791,000 equivalent 500-pound bales, compared with 631,153 running bales, 638,881 equivalent 500-pound bales in 1913; 602,324 running bales, or 557,575 equivalent 500-pound bales in 1912.

Production of states in equivalent 500-pound bales exclusive of linters with comparisons, follows:

ALABAMA—1914, 1,750,000; 1913, 1,495,485; 1912, 1,342,275; 1911, 1,716,534.

ARKANSAS—1914, 1,015,000; 1913, 1,072,846; 1912, 792,048; 1911, 939,302.

FLORIDA—1914, 80,000; 1913, 58,695; 1912, 52,760; 1911, 83,388.

GEORGIA—1914, 2,713,000; 1913, 2,316,601; 1912, 1,776,546; 1911, 2,768,627.

LOUISIANA—1914, 447,000; 1913, 443,821; 1912, 376,096; 1911, 384,597.

MISSISSIPPI—1914, 1,244,000; 1913, 1,310,743; 1912, 1,016,418; 1911, 1,203,545.

MISSOURI—1914, 81,000; 1913, 67,105; 1912, 55,691; 1911, 96,808.

NORTH CAROLINA—1914, 925,000; 1913, 792,545; 1912, 865,653; 1911, 1,075,826.

OKLAHOMA—1914, 1,261,000; 1913, 849,387; 1912, 1,021,250; 1911, 1,022,092.

SOUTH CAROLINA—1914, 1,534,000; 1913, 1,377,814; 1912, 1,182,128; 1911, 1,648,712.

TENNESSEE—1914, 382,000; 1913, 379,471; 1912, 276,545; 1911, 449,737.

TEXAS—1914, 4,584,000; 1913, 3,944,970; 1912, 4,880,210; 1911, 4,256,427.

VIRGINIA—1914, 25,000; 1913, 23,490; 1912, 25,398; 1911, 29,891.

ALL OTHER STATES—1914, 63,000; 1913, 32,513; 1912, 11,402; 1911, 17,215.

The census bureau announced that the statistics of this report for 1914 are subject to slight correction in the full report to be published early in May.

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THE WEATHER.
New Orleans, La., March 20.
The weather forecast for Oklahoma for Sunday is fair.